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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

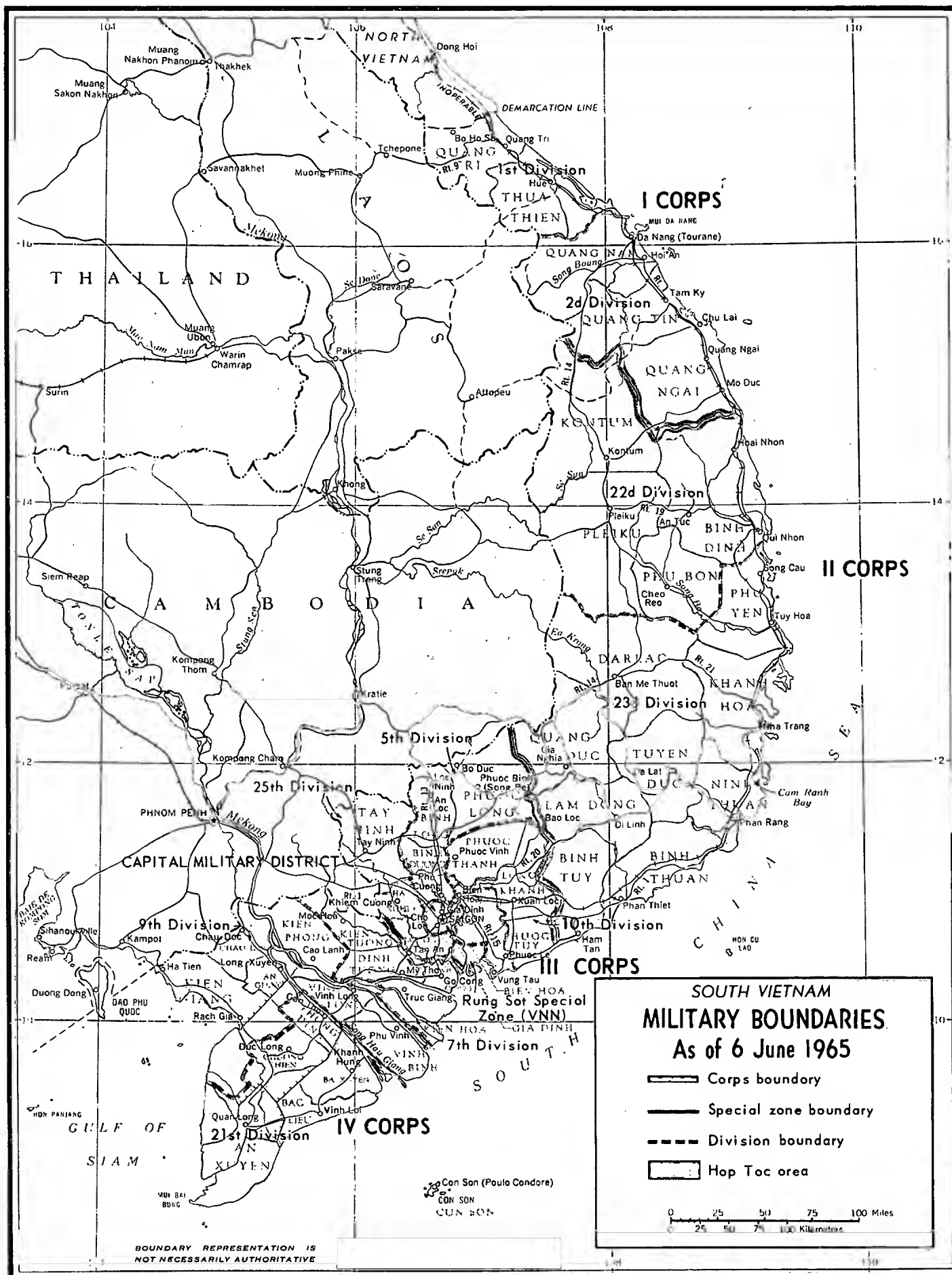


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1. South Vietnam

Attention in South Vietnam continues to center on military developments.

In addition to mortaring Da Nang air-base, the Viet Cong overran a district town eight miles from the capital of Phu Bon Province, and fighting here has been heavy.

The Viet Cong apparently still hold the town of Tou Morong in Kontum Province. (See map.)

Government forces have inflicted heavy casualties on the Viet Cong near Cai Lay, in Dinh Tuong Province, 55 miles southwest of Saigon. The guerrillas lost 255 known dead; friendly losses stand at 6 killed (1 US) and 33 wounded (1 US).

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3. Communist China

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4. Algeria

Boumedienne is apparently still having trouble trying to get his government off the ground.

There is almost total paralysis of the state administration. The near blackout of official information is causing widespread fear among government employees about the intentions of Boumedienne and the army.

Boumedienne may be under pressure to allow more civilian control of the government. Ferhat Abbas, the respected former provisional president, is said to be demanding free elections and civilian control over the military. Boumedienne is likely to fight such a move.

The regime continues to maintain a tight security hold. The pro-Ben Bella demonstrations, carried out mostly by leftist student groups, have petered out.

The new regime's international orientation is still murky. With so many pressing domestic problems, Boumedienne is likely to delay making any decisive foreign policy moves for some time while sticking to his already declared posture of "nonalignment."

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5. Dominican Republic

Political developments are moving slowly as consultations over the Organization of American States' proposals continue.

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